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SUBJ: PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF THIRD COMMITTEE WOMEN'S ITEMS  
(75 AND 76)

1. SUMMARY--THE GA DECEMBER 15 ADOPTED ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DRAFT DECISIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE. IN THE KEY VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, 50 COUNTRIES DID NOT SUPPORT ENDORSEMENT OF THE "ACTION PROPOSALS" IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE, MEXICO CITY DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GA ADOPTED ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND DRAFT DECISIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION I, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MEXICO FOR HOSTING THE CONFERENCE--BY ACCLAMATION;

B. DRAFT RESOLUTION II(GDR), WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM ETC.--90-21(US, 13 WEO'S, ALBANIA, CHILE, CHINA, HAITI, ISRAEL, LIBERIA, NICARAGUA)22.

C. DRAFT RESOLUTION III, THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION --107-1(ISRAEL)-26(US, EC-9, AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, CANADA, UNCLASSIFIED

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CAR, CHILE, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GABON, HAITI, HONDURAS,

LIBERIA, MALAWI, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PARAGUAY).  
ASIDE FROM SHIFTS IN AND OUT OF THE ABSENT COLUMN THE  
MAIN CHANGES FROM THE COMMITTEE VOTE WERE: AUSTRALIA FROM  
SUPPORT TO ABSTENTION, BOLIVIA FROM ABSTENTION TO SUPPORT  
AND NICARAGUA FROM OPPOSITION TO ABSTENTION. IN PRIOR  
SEPARATE VOTES, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 WAS APPROVED 83-24(US)-  
26 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 WAS APPROVED 89-7(US, CHILE,  
ISRAEL, LIBERIA, MALAWI, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY)-36. THESE  
VOTES COMPARE WITH COMMITTEE VOTES OF 73-22-22 AND 81-4-31  
RESPECTIVELY. BREAKDOWN OF VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1  
FOLLOWS BELOW.

D. DRAFT RESOLUTION IV (UKRAIN), EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND  
WOMEN AND THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN--  
102-3(US, ISRAEL, NICARAGUA)-26. THIS COMPARES WITH  
88-2-26 IN COMMITTEE DECEMBER 5;

E. DRAFT RESOLUTION V, IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC  
STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THEIR SPEEDY PARTICIPATION IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES--WITHOUT VOTE;

F. DRAFT RESOLUTION VI, WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS--132(US)-  
0-1(ISRAEL);

G. DRAFT RESOLUTION VII, MEASURES FOR THE  
INTEGRATION OF WMEN IN DEVELOPMENT--WITHOUT OBJECTION;

H. DRAFT DECISION, VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UN DECADE  
FOR WOMEN--WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3. IN THE KEY VOTE ON THE PARAGRAPH OF THE OMNIBUS  
RESOLUTION WHICH RAISED THE ZIONISM ISSUE MOST DIRECTLY, 50  
COUNTRIES DID NOT ENDORSE THE "ACTION PROPOSALS" IN THE  
MEXICO CITY DECLARATION, PLAN OF ACTION AND RESOLUTIONS.  
THE FOLLOWING IS A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTE  
ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION:

A. THE FOLLOWING 83 COUNTRIES APPROVED THE PARAGRAPH:  
AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH,  
BENIN, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURMA, BURUNDI,  
BYELORUSSIA SSR, CHAD, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CYPRUS,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL  
GUINEA, GDR, GHANA, GRENADA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA,  
INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LAOS,  
LEBANON, LESOTHO, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALI, MALTA,  
MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO. MOZAMBIQUE,  
NEPAL, NIGER, NIGERIA, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PERU, PHILIPPINES,  
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POLAND, QATAR, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA,  
SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, THAILAND, TRINADAD AND TOBAGO,  
TUNISIA, TURKEY, UGANDA, UKRAINIAN SSR, USSR, UAE, UN. REP. OF  
COMEROON, UN. REP. OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA, VENEZUELA, YEMEN,  
YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA. ( NOT ONE WEO).

B. THE FOLLOWING 24 COUNTRIES OPPOSED THE PARAGRAPH:  
AUSTRALIA, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, CANADA, CAR, CHILE, COSTA RICA,  
DENMARK, FRANCE, FRG, HAITI, HONDURAS, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY,

LIBERIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA,  
NORWAY, PARAGUAY, UK, US.

C. THE FOLLOWING 26 COUNTRIES ABSTAINED:

AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BHUTAN, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,  
EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, FINLAND, GABON, GREECE, ICELAND,  
IVORY COAST, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PORTUGAL,  
SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, TOGO,  
URUGUAY, ZAIRE.

D. THE FOLLOWING 10 COUNTRIES WERE ABSENT:

ALBANIA, CAMBODIA, CAPE VERDE, COMOROS, GAMBIA, GUATEMALA,  
GUINEA-BISSAU, MALDIVES, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SURINAM.

4. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, 8 DELEGATIONS (BOLIVIA, URUGUAY,  
CANADA, SWEDEN, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, IVORY COAST, VENEZUELA, AND  
ITALY ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9) EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON  
EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

5. ISRAEL (HERZOG) OBJECTED TO RESOLUTIONS ON ZIONISM BROUGHT  
BY "EXTREME ARAB COLLEAGUES" WHICH HAD CREATED DISCORD AND  
TURNED THE GA INTO A "THEATER OF THE ABSURD." HERZOG STATED  
THAT "THE BLIND HATRED AND FANATICISM OF A SMALL GROUP OF  
STATES LED BY A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION COMBINED TO EXPLOIT  
THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE AND THIS RESOLUTION ARISING THERE-  
FROM, IN A REACTIONARY AND ANTI-SEMITIC MANUEVER AGAINST THE  
JEWISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT." ISRAEL WOULD VOTE AGAINST  
RESOLUTIONS II, III AND IV TO SAVE THE "HONOR" OF THE  
WOMEN'S DECADE.

6. MEXICO, WHILE STRESSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEXICO  
CONFERENCE FOR IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN, DEVOTED MOST  
OF ITS STATEMENT TO ITS POSITION ON ZIONISM AND THE MIDDLE  
EAST. MEXICO NOTED ITS ABSTENTION ON PARAGRAPHS 24 AND 26 OF  
THE DECLARATION IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE  
BECAUSE ZIONISM WAS NOT CLEARLY DEFINED. THESE PARAGRAPHS  
CALL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ZIONISM AND OTHER POLICIES SUCH  
AS RACISM AND COLONIALISM. MEXICO ALSO RECALLED ITS  
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STATEMENT ON THESE PARAGRAPHS IN THE UN THIRD COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS  
MONTH. MEXICO SAID IT WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF  
"ZIONISM" MEANT THE REALIZATION OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL  
ASPIRATIONS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
THE UN CHARTER, THEN ITS VOTES ON THE WOMEN'S RESOLUTIONS  
SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS ACCEPTANCE OF THE EQUATION OF  
ZIONISM AND POLICIES SUCH AS RACISM SET FORTH IN THE  
DECLARATION. MEXICO THEN REITERATED ITS POSITION ON THE  
MIDDLE EAST. IT CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM THE  
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, RECOGNITION BY ALL OF THE RIGHT  
OF ALL STATES (INCLUDING ISRAEL) TO LIVE IN PEACE AND  
SECURITY, RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN  
PEOPLE, AND ISRAELI AND PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING  
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. (COPIES OF SPEECH  
POUCHED TO DEP. AND AMEMB MEXICO CITY, AMEMB TEL AVIV)

7. THE US (AMBASSADOR WHITE) STRONGLY SUPPORTED STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN OF ACTION, BUT EXPRESSED SEVERAL RESERVATIONS. THE US OPPOSED THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT SUGGESTED GIVING BLANKET ENDORSEMENT TO ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE. IT ALSO OPPOSED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 BECAUSE OF AMBIGUITY IN THE WORDING WHICH CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION NOT ONLY OF PLAN OF ACTION BUT ALSO "RELATED RESOLUTIONS". THE US INTERPRETED "RELATED RESOLUTIONS" TO INCLUDE ONLY THOSE IT CONSIDERED DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PLAN OF ACTION AND NOT THOSE IT CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE. ITS OPPOSITION TO THE GDR AND UKRAINIAN RESOLUTIONS WERE A MATTER OF RECORD.

8. SYRIA STATED THAT ZIONSIM WAS EQUATED WITH RACISM AND THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE UN WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 1980 CONFERENCE ON THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN.

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